

MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 18, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino, Vice Chairman
Mike Dias
Shannon Carrier
Dan Kittredge
Alan Sunio
Bruce Berger

Others Present:

Tara Buckley (Parents Inc.)
Bruce Shimoda (OYS)
Chet Adessa, Volunteer Admin Assistant
Albert Diaz
Randal Quemuel, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility
Gwen Kailihiwa, Waimanalo Neighborhood Place
Lillian Wakinekona
John Devirgilio, Department of Education
Mike Golojuch
Felix Mata, U.S. Probation

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room, Koolau Ballrooms, Kaneohe, HI, by Vice Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: (There was no written public testimony) Guests were introduced and spoke about their concerns. Vice Chairman Makino explained the mission and strategic plan of the commission. Some of the concerns were the lack of services available to fathers who are recently released from prison and reuniting with their families, under-utilized programs and services available through the Department of Education, more father involvement in schools (coaches and mentors), initiatives for Recovery and Transitional Homes for recently incarcerated fathers, the DOE policy concerning the Grade Point Average of 2.0, a need for alternative vocational education programs, the need for more programs and services for young fathers. Commissioner Dias mentioned that the Keiki Caucus has several family related bills in process at the legislature and encourages everyone to keep informed of the resources available to help promote the State Commission on Fatherhood (media contest, mentorship, a hotline and Alu Like services).

III. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2016:

Commissioner Kittredge moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried.

IV. Decision-Making Items:

1. Participation in the Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) 30th Reunion Conference, April 16, 2016 and authorize expenditure of \$30. For a State Commission on Fatherhood Resource display table.
 - a. The motion was made Commissioner Dias to fund the resource table, seconded by Commissioner Kittredge unanimously carried.
2. Confirm Chet Adessa appointed as Volunteer Administrative Assistant to the Commission on Fatherhood. Mr. Edessa's commission has expired and has applied for reappointment.
 - a. Following the discussion and decision on the appointment of Mr. Adessa as volunteer administrative assistant Commissioner Carrier made a motion to that effect, seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried.

V. Discussion Items:

1. Mr. Adessa spoke about the Celebrate Fathers event in June 2016 at Windward and that a committee is needed. Ms. Tara Buckley and Commissioner Sunio agreed to chair the event.
2. There was some discussion concerning collaborating with Keiki O Ka Aina.

VI. Reports:

- a. Budget: The balance of funds available as of February 8, 2016 is \$15,097.34 and it was noted that the \$7,500 allocated for the University of Hawaii contract has not been expended. Mr. Adessa will connect with the contact at the university.
- b. Media contest: Commissioner Dias reported that there were no entries and asked the commissioners and guests to promote this contest.
- b. International Fatherhood Conference: Commissioner Sunio reported that he is currently exploring venues at the Ala Moana Hotel, Marriott Waikiki and the State Convention Center.
- d. Commissioner activities: Commissioner Kittredge reported that he regularly meets with a fatherhood group on Kauai and the Mayor of Kauai (in January) and he attended the Kauai Violence Prevention meeting. Commissioner Carrier reported that MFSS is in partnership with Ho'ouikaika and that the 10th Annual Celebrate Fathers event will be held this year at the UH Maui Campus.

VII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

No issues were brought to the Commission's attention.

VIII. Announcements/Adjournment: There being no further business before the commission the meeting was by Vice Chairman Makino adjourned at 3:00 pm. It was announced that the next regular monthly meeting of the Commission would be held on March 15, 2016 at 1:00 pm, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: March 3, 2016

Chet Adessa, Volunteer Administrative Assistant Approved by Commission: _____